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THE INDIANA STATE LIBRARY

The Indiana State Library was created in 1925. Since 1925 control of the library has been vested in the Indiana Library and Historical Board. In 1933 the library moved into its present quarters, the State Library and Historical Building, 140 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis 4.

Originally created for the use of state officials, the library since 1903 has served the entire state through loans to other libraries and direct loans to individuals in areas without local library service. In 1925 the State Library absorbed the Public Library Commission and has since served as the library extension agency of the state.

It is a depository for federal documents and for books in braille and talking book records. Its special collections include materials for genealogical research, the state archives, Indiana newspapers, and all types of material relating to Indiana.

Two other libraries are also housed in the same building: the Indiana Academy of Science Library and the William Henry Smith Memorial Library of the Indiana Historical Society.

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LIBRARIES NEED LIBRARIANS

By DAN A. WILLIAMS, Librarian, Muncie Public Library

Does anyone in the profession of librarianship need to be convinced that there exists a real need for properly educated librarians?

Personnel Shortage Acute

In the recent manual published by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, bearing the title *Occupational Outlook Handbook* (Bulletin no. 749), the field of librarianship is one of the professions listed as most urgently in need of skilled personnel. The manual predicts this need will continue for some years.

It was estimated during the war years that 18,000 librarians would be needed in the post-war period. Are we achieving this goal?

School Enrollments Low

In most instances library school enrollment has not returned to the level of the thirties. But library schools have taken steps in the past year or two which may, to a certain degree, ameliorate the situation. I refer to the reorganization of professional curricula to grant a Master's degree for one year of library science instead of the B.S. in L.S. Also there is the development of curricula on the undergraduate level to prepare young people for junior professional positions in libraries of all types. While many library schools are using various recruiting devices, the problem can not be dismissed by declaring that it is the sole responsibility of the library schools.

Why is recruiting important? For the simple reason that it is the foundation on which better libraries are built. Many li-

braries today are marking time on important projects and plans for expansion because they do not know where suitable personnel can be obtained to staff such projects. We are coming gradually to realize that a proper balance between professional and non-professional members of a library staff is about fifty-fifty. In many of our libraries the ratio is rapidly diminishing on the professional side.

School and Public Libraries Hardest Hit

The most tragic situation, however, is in the small public or school library, where only recently the authorities have come to realize the desirability of professionally trained librarians, only to find too few are available. Their only recourse is to select an individual who has the next best qualifications. In this period of extreme shortage many library school graduates are accepting positions in the larger institutions and in larger communities where generally speaking salaries are higher than in small libraries.

As indicated in the April issue of *Focus on Indiana Libraries*, the I.L.A.-I.L.T.A. Library Action Committee has established a subcommittee on recruiting, whose members are Inez Paul, South Bend Public Library; Amanda Browning, Indianapolis Public Library; Mrs. Elizabeth Burton, U. S. Naval Ordnance Library, Indianapolis, and Dan A. Williams, chairman.

Committee's Objectives

This group first met April 16 and spent several hours considering its objectives.

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These are: (1) to collect and make available recruiting materials, (2) to devise a plan for library recruitment for Indiana, (3) to deal factually with needs, and (4) to plan for statewide devices to implement Indiana's plan. An important action taken at this first meeting was the appointment on the committee of Esther V. Burrin, director of School Library Service, State Department of Public Instruction. Miss Burrin is a member of the Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career, an organization composed of representatives of all national library associations and functioning on the national level.

Individual Action Important

The I.L.A. committee's conclusion was that neither a committee nor a state organization can achieve by itself the recruitment results so necessary at this time. The problem boils down to what individual librarians in their own institutions and communities are willing to do to solve this great need. True, materials can be made available, suggestions can be offered, methods of approach can be outlined; but in the final analysis these techniques will not of themselves add one new recruit to librarianship in the state of Indiana.

If recruitment is an individual task, what are some of the things each of us should be doing to achieve the desired ends?

Recruiting Clerical Staff

First, are we seriously doing recruiting among high school and college students who work with us? Perhaps too frequently they hear only our petty gripes about our work and not the larger satisfactions which yield pleasure and profit in our daily living. Too often we think of part-time employees

only as a means of getting certain simple routine tasks accomplished with the least expenditure of funds. Nevertheless, it has been pointed out that by far the greater number of librarians first got their start and interest in library work when, as students, they worked part-time in a school, college or public library. In this connection it might be pointed out that part-time employees need to be given a genuine work experience which adds to their personal growth.

Career Conferences

What then can we do to bring librarianship to the attention of the boys and girls of high school age? Growing in popularity are various forms of career conferences held each year in the high schools of our state. Librarianship is one of the professions which should be considered in such conferences. The committee hopes in the near future to establish a speakers bureau which will make available speakers for career day programs.

Poster Project Considered

Another project under consideration by the committee is the publication of posters which can be distributed to high schools, colleges and, of course, libraries through Indiana. However, this is a long range project which probably cannot be completed for another ten months.

In the meantime there are printed devices which can be used effectively. A few of these are listed elsewhere in this issue of the *Occurrent*.^{*} In addition, library school announcements and leaflets as well as library articles in periodicals make good recruiting material. A few school leaflets are included in the list.

^{*} See page 176.

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Merely to purchase any of the leaflets is not enough. Wise distribution will make the difference between success or money merely wasted. First, it is necessary to contact high school principals and to inquire as to what provisions have been established for career guidance. If the responsibility is shared by a committee of teachers, each one may be interviewed and presented with recruiting leaflets. If this activity is centered in one person this simplifies the task, but makes it particularly important that the story be clearly told.

Librarianship has enough merits that it can stand on its own feet. What it does need is a chance to be heard—an opportunity to counteract the stereotype of librarianship as it unfortunately exists in the minds of many young people and in the minds of far too many of their parents. We must inform ourselves regarding new trends in library education so that we can describe the essential points to guidance counsellors.

School Librarian's Opportunity

We wonder how many school librarians are aware of the excellent opportunity they have for recruiting, not only for school librarianship, but for the special, college and public libraries as well. High school young people use the library almost every day of their school lives. If the librarian is friendly and interested in them as individuals, much may be done by example to give these students a favorable impression of librarianship. If, in the hours when activity is not at a hectic pace, a school librarian has occasion to talk to these young people, an excellent opportunity will be presented to inquire of them as to their career preferences and to

suggest librarianship to any who indicate an interest.

The school librarian is also in a position to know personally those who are directly involved in the guidance program and can do a job of indoctrination without the necessity of formal interviews. Conscientious school librarians can be of genuine assistance in creating a favorable environment for a fair consideration of the virtues and shortcomings of librarianship in the minds of the youth of today.

Special Librarian in Recruiting

Special libraries are somewhat at a disadvantage in seeking to lay their case before young people. Their work is with adults primarily and often physically apart from the educational institutions of our state. It is encouraging that an increasing number of industrial firms are including the library as one unit to be seen by visitors touring the plant. This is all to the good, particularly if the library is described as an integral activity of the firm.

Visits to Special Libraries

Several of the special libraries of Indianapolis expect to arrange for visits of high school students to their libraries. It is to be hoped this idea will spread to other cities of the state. Special librarians have an important story to tell. Their case should not be crowded out by their numerically greater brethren in the public and academic libraries, nor should they be discouraged by the difficulties of making opportunities for young people to get first hand knowledge of their libraries.

What of the college librarian in the recruitment program? Day-to-day contact with

students, faculty and administrators can be important in our library recruiting. Much career counselling in institutions of higher education is informal rather than organized. The student who is undecided as to what he wishes to do often uses a trial and error method to reach his decision. With such an approach, environment can be highly suggestive. His estimation of members of the library staff as he meets them in face-to-face contacts in the library, on the campus, and at social events, helps to color his impression of the profession they represent. Perhaps too frequently we have expressed the needs of the profession solely in terms of high scholastic achievement. However, it should be apparent that Phi Beta Kappa is not the only criterion for many types of library positions.

Role of College Librarian

The college librarian can do much toward winnowing the chaff from the wheat. Librarianship is not a sanctuary for the emotionally immature, the physically handicapped, or the retiring personality. The greater number of our profession spend their time working with people and only a limited number of positions are available for those individuals who are unable to make a good social adjustment. Furthermore, the college library staff is in an excellent position to show the relationship of a particular subject interest of the student and its counterpart in librarianship.

If it is not now doing so, the progressive public library should make arrangements for high school classes to visit the library in connection with special assignments or for orientation purposes. These simple exposures

can be made quite meaningful and over a period of time they can create an understanding on the part of the student as to the real work of the librarian. When a student asks for vocational materials, the librarian gets an opportunity to inquire as to his interests.

Approach through Adult Community

Frequently parents, friends and other adult associates offer judgments which influence young people in the choice of professions. That this condition exists is a fact, whether desirable or not. Therefore, another approach to recruiting is through the adult community.

As librarians make community contacts, whether with the Parent Teachers Association, the Chamber of Commerce, or a civic or patriotic organization, much of what is said or done reflects upon our profession. Do we have a tendency to let the stereotype of a librarian stand without refutation? Are we active in soliciting opportunities to discuss our profession before adult groups?

Attend PTA Meeting

The recruitment sub-committee hopes to make these opportunities easier to achieve by work on the state level. In April representatives of I.L.A. were present at a state meeting of the Parent Teachers Association in Fort Wayne. Perhaps as a result of this effort some P. T. A.'s will be ready to have a librarian appear on one of their programs next fall to discuss the need for librarians.

The committee will welcome suggestions of ways to get more Hoosiers to enter the library field. We hope this article may remind Indiana librarians to pass on their ideas to us.

WHAT ABOUT ADULT EDUCATION?

"Adult Education: Whose responsibility" was the theme of the Indiana State Association for Adult Education's annual conference held in Indianapolis April 22-23. Principal speakers were David E. Lindstrom, professor of rural sociology, University of Illinois College of Agriculture, and Mark Starr, education director, International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Lindstrom at First Session

Speaking at the opening session Friday, Dr. Lindstrom told his audience that "adult education in a democracy is the privilege and responsibility of every citizen." This presents a challenge to all organizations and agencies concerned in any way with education. The development of cooperative human and group relationships is a major task of adult education, he asserted.

Community Planning

Dr. Lindstrom pointed out that agencies carrying on an adult education program must realize that every individual is a member of one or more groups. The community is the basic unit of our social organization; hence cooperative planning should begin with the community. Community cooperation is being achieved by means of town meetings, summer recreation programs, evening schools, libraries, or P.T.A. organizations, Dr. Lindstrom said.

On the county level, councils afford professional leaders an opportunity to plan together for the welfare of all people in the county. For example, the extension of library service to rural citizens should engage the concerted attention of all county leaders.

Inter-group cooperation on the state level

is equally important, according to Dr. Lindstrom. State adult education associations can serve as a clearing house for improved adult education service and can point up ways and means of extending adult education opportunities.

Recommendations for Future

At the Saturday morning session, Dr. Lindstrom made certain recommendations for a future program for the Indiana Association on the basis of comments and suggestions brought out at group discussions on Friday. Among these were:

(1) To seek financial support at the next session of the state legislature.

(2) To begin now to build programs looking toward fulfillment of the organization's objectives through committee action.

(3) To enlist the support and loyalty of business and labor.

(4) To give first attention to individual and group needs in program planning.

(5) To popularize adult education objectives beginning with those of appeal to individual interest and working toward those involving acceptance of responsibility to society.

(6) To seek the loyalty of local adult education groups by assisting them in their activities and asking them to share in the Association's work.

(7) To study ways and means of reaching loosely organized or unorganized groups in the community.

(8) To work for recognition of the state's responsibility for adequate adult education in schools and colleges.

(9) To work for cooperative planning between public and voluntary groups.

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As concrete projects Dr. Lindstrom suggested a state clinic, an inventory of present resources, a study of needs and means, and the organization of a central service agency to be "channelling" rather than "controlling."

Adult Education Goals

Finally, Dr. Lindstrom urged the Association to work for clearer understanding of the meaning, value and challenge of adult education, and endeavor to broaden the narrow concept of traditional adult education classes to embrace an understanding of the relationship of adult education to the fundamental American ideals. In realizing these goals adult education must become a tool of the masses of the people in terms of their own understanding through which they may find a way to contribute to the society in which they live.

Mark Starr Addresses Banquet

Mr. Starr, addressed the Association at a banquet Friday evening on the subject "Education, Curse or Cure." He attacked the prevailing "social illiteracy" of our day as evidenced in the lack of information about political and social questions, the lack of understanding of international problems and conditions, and the lack of understanding between management and labor.

This social illiteracy, Mr. Starr believes, is largely due to the perversion of our mass media of communication. He deplored the fact that movies, radio and the press today are employed to amuse and distract, rather than to educate the people. The emphasis is upon vulgarity, sex and violence.

Mr. Starr pointed to adult education as an important means of arousing the social conscience needed to preserve our free

society. "We are faced with two alternatives," he said, "education or extinction. Unless education meets this challenge, the curse of social illiteracy will continue to plague America."

Marion McFadden Speaks Saturday

Marion McFadden, librarian, Indianapolis Public Library, also spoke on Saturday. In discussing ways to implement a community adult education program, she asked four questions: "Where are we? How many people are we reaching? Where are we going? Where will we be when we arrive?"

Regarding the first question, Miss McFadden called attention to the duplication of activities in some areas and the neglect of others when no clearing house exists to coordinate group programs. She suggested cooperation between adult education groups and P.T.A.'s as the best means of reaching all areas of the community. "In order to know where we are going it is necessary to ascertain just where we are." Miss McFadden asserted, "and here the adult education council enters the picture. With a well integrated program worked out through a council, a clearer blueprint can be drawn to enable us to achieve the ultimate end of adult education—that individual growth may become synonymous with community, national and world progress."

Officers Elected

Officers for 1949-50 elected at the business session are: president, Warren O'Hara, Indiana Farm Bureau; vice-president, Charles W. Beese, Purdue University; secretary, Paul Seehausen, State Department of Public Instruction; treasurer, Pauline French, Indianapolis Public Library.

DISTRICT PROGRAMS VARIED

Book reviews and talks by guest speakers added a spice of variety to the I.L.A.-I.L.T.A. district meetings this spring, which featured also reports, discussions and short talks on library problems and activities.

Clifty Falls, First Meeting

At the time the *Library Occurrent* went to press, only two meetings had been held, one at Clifty Falls and the other at Richmond. The first, at Clifty Falls State Park, took place May 3, with Margaret Dixon, Madison librarian, as hostess and Lena B. Nofcier, head of Extension Division, State Library, presiding.

Progress Reports

The first hour was devoted to brief reports. Elsa Strassweg, New Albany Public Library, reviewed the action taken on library legislation during the 1949 state legislative session. Hazel B. Warren, as consultant on certification and placement, State Library, told of the program which will be developed in recruiting, placement and certification of Indiana librarians. Ruth Bean, Evansville Public Library, reported for the I.L.A. Loan Fund Committee regarding the two \$50 scholarships grants which I.L.A. will give to library science students. Harold F. Brigham, director, State Library, commented briefly on the library training program at Indiana University.

Trustees and librarians met separately for the second hour of the morning session. Seventeen trustees met informally with Mrs. W. H. Frazier, Nashville trustee. Discussion concerned chiefly the plans for the sale of the trustees manual out of the state.

The librarians section heard a talk on cataloging and classifying record collections by Vera Hankemeier, Indianapolis Public Library, and one on vacation reading clubs by Margaret Dixon. Miss Dixon described various projects for vacation reading developed at Madison and showed some posters which her staff had prepared.

Book Review

After the luncheon, Mrs. Bayard Hughes of Madison reviewed *We Called It Culture* by Victoria and R. L. Case, a history of the Chautauqua movement. Prefacing her review with background information regarding the earlier lyceums, Mrs. Hughes discussed in an entertaining and amusing manner the many celebrities and personalities who appeared on the Chautauqua circuits.

Conversion Discussed

At both Clifty Falls and the Richmond meeting which followed on May 5, the last part of the day's program was devoted to a consideration of the advantages and procedures for conversion to the Library Law of 1947. Mr. Brigham and Miss Warren explained the various steps in conversion in answer to questions from the floor.

Richmond Program

The program at Richmond followed a similar pattern to that at Clifty Falls. At the morning session Paul R. Benson, New Castle trustee, spoke briefly on library legislation. He suggested that the fact that the state aid bill had had at least a favorable report in the screening committee in the 1949 legislature should be regarded as an

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invitation to present renewed requests for appropriations in 1951.

Lois Ringo, Anderson Public Library, made a few remarks about Anderson's new teen-age reading corner. As a member of the A.L.A. Committee on Out-of-Print Books, she asked that suggestions of titles to be recommended for reprinting be submitted to the committee.

Library Lighting Discussed

Mrs. Harriet Bard, Richmond librarian and hostess for the meeting, discussed some problems of library lighting. The I.L.A. Small Libraries Committee announced that the chairman, Edith Hogue, Hagerstown Public Library, will welcome suggestions of topics for discussion at the Small Libraries Round Table at the I.L.A. Conference in October.

Ross Teckemeyer, executive secretary, Public Employees' Retirement Fund, commented upon the advantage of participation in the state retirement plan. Miss Nofcier suggested some possibilities of radio as a medium of library public relations. Prepared radio scripts on a variety of subjects are available from the Indianapolis Public Library on loan to other libraries, she announced.

Lothair Teetor Speaks at Richmond

Lothair Teetor, Hagerstown industrialist, gave a stimulating talk in the afternoon on the subject, "A Business Man Looks at the Library." From the viewpoint of a business man, Mr. Teetor feels that librarians do not always perform adequately the essential job of selling their product—good library service—to the community. Such means of publicity as billboards, bus cards, radio, book

reviews, library stations in factories, planned reading schedules, library open house meetings were among his suggestions of possible avenues of approach toward increasing the community's awareness of the library.

A short radio skit on recruiting was presented by Mrs. Susanna Wood and Esther Roney of the New Castle library staff.

Over one hundred librarians and trustees attended the meeting at Richmond, while about 70 were present at Clifty Falls.

Variations in Programs

Variations marked the programs of the four subsequent meetings. Alice Hopkins of Princeton reviewed *Pioneer Preacher* by Opal Leigh Berryman at Turkey Run, May 10. A travel talk by Mrs. Carl Weiss of Angola featured the Pokagon State Park meeting May 19.

At Spring Mill May 12 Grace Beecher, assistant, Extension Division, State Library, told of her impressions of Japan from observations during her army war service there. Russell A. Dilts talked on the Tippecanoe River State Park and Mrs. E. C. Gorell of Winamac conducted a bird hike at Winamac May 17.

Librarians in each district spoke briefly at the meetings about library lighting and redecorating and such special services as projected books, film libraries and hospital service.

Miss Nofcier presided at all meetings and acted as chairman of the district meeting planning committee. Others on the committee were Louise Robertson, Princeton; Mrs. Ruth Bourne, Spencer; Jane Aspinall, South Bend; and Mrs. Dan Quickel, trustee, Anderson.

I.U. SPONSORS FILM WORKSHOP

Indiana's first film workshop for public librarians was held on the Indiana University campus April 5 and 6 under the sponsorship of the University's Division of Library Science.

Library's Role in Film Service

Margaret I. Rufsvold, associate professor of library science, was in charge of the workshop and Harold F. Brigham, director, Indiana State Library, presided at the first session. The library's role in providing community film services was developed during the discussions.

Mrs. Patricia Blair, A.L.A. film advisor, spoke Tuesday morning April 5 on the development of the library film program nationally and its implications for the future. Mrs. Blair recommended cooperative planning between libraries on a regional basis as the most effective means of extending film services. She urged that librarians become informed about films and their evaluation, where films and projectors may be obtained, and rental fees, and that they encourage community use of films wherever possible. Even though a library's budget may not permit the library to purchase films, material about their selection and use should be made available to local organizations.

Film Programs Described

Pauline French, Richard Sealock and Kurtz Meyers, representing Indianapolis, Gary and Detroit public libraries respectively, reported briefly on the film services of their libraries. The Indianapolis program, still in the embryo stage, has featured film forums conducted in the library's branches. Gary's service is an example of the way in which a library can establish a film collection

on a small scale, beginning with the acquisition of government O.W.I. war films and other free films. The Detroit Public Library's film collection was organized in 1947 with a \$10,000 appropriation. Now approximately 1500 film bookings are handled per month for community groups.

L. C. Larson, director of the Indiana University Audio-Visual Center, described the Center's film library and its lending and advisory services to schools, libraries and organizations. Mr. Larson also called attention to the library's function as a clearing house for community film information.

During the afternoon three films were shown. Caroline Guss, associate professor of education, and Ernest Tieman of the Audio-Visual Center staff discussed evaluation techniques, using these films as examples.

Round Table Discussion

The workshop continued on April 6 with a round table discussion of problems concerning the administration of a library film program. Kurtz Meyers, director, Audio-Visual Division, Detroit Public Library, was discussion leader.

Financing the program, ordering prints, processing and circulating films were considered. The film program may be financed as part of the library budget or by the payment of a rental fee by the local groups which borrow the films.

In the preliminary stages of building a collection, libraries may rent or lease films instead of buying them. When films are being selected for purchase, they should be previewed if possible or chosen from those listed in evaluating services.

INDIANA IN WORLD WAR II

By Lynn W. Turner

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Indiana War History Commission

The first part of the first volume of a series of Indiana State War History Commission publications has been issued. It is the Gold Star Honor Roll for Adams County and Whitley County, prepared by the Indiana Historical Bureau. A short biographical sketch of each young man or woman who gave his life is included. The cover is printed in gold on heavy maroon paper.

Gold Star Honor Roll

The Gold Star Honor Roll is numbered as volume one in the series of ten volumes entitled *Indiana in World War II* which the Commission has projected to tell the complete story of the state's participation. Other rolls will appear for other counties as fast as the lists of those killed in the war can be checked against the official records released by the War Department. Eventually there will be 92 such booklets, which may be bound into three volumes, although they will be regarded as three parts of volume one in the series.

The State War History Commission is operating on a revolving fund and is required to replenish that fund as far as possible by selling its publications. These Gold Star Honor Rolls cannot, therefore, be distributed free of charge. Plans are under way to make possible presentation of one copy to the next of kin, but libraries and interested persons will have to purchase them. The Commission recognizes that not all

libraries will want the Honor Rolls for every county, although every library will want the Roll for its own county and probably the surrounding counties. The prices of these first two Honor Rolls are 25 and 30 cents each; later issues for more populous counties will be graded upward. Orders may be sent to Indiana War History Commission, Indiana University, Bloomington.

Letters Second Volume

A second volume in the series, the *Letters From Fighting Hoosiers*, will appear this summer. This selection of 131 letters was made and the letters edited by Howard H. Peckham and Shirley A. Snyder of the Historical Bureau, which collected several thousand letters. The writers represent all branches of service in all theaters of war and come from every part of the state.

The letters make exciting reading, either describing battle scenes and camp life or giving the reaction of Hoosier youth to their experiences. No other state has yet made such a compilation. The book is a pertinent source of the history of World War II for any student, yet it has the all-Indiana flavor. Brief sketches of the writers precede each letter; there is an index and one striking illustration. The price of this book will be \$5.

In process of being printed is a third volume, *Indiana at War: Civilian Directory*, which explains the organization of the civilian war effort and lists the names of all those citizens who served on one or another of the various boards and committees. Further announcements will be made as these volumes are made ready, but continuation orders from libraries will be welcomed.

A.L.A. PLANS REGIONALS

Plans are well underway for the seven A.L.A. regional conferences scheduled for the late summer and early fall of this year. These meetings will be held in lieu of a 1949 annual conference.

Programs generally will be developed around a further consideration of the Fourth Activities report and the findings of the Public Library Inquiry. The latter study of the place of the public library in American society has recently been completed under the direction of Dr. Robert D. Leigh. Each regional will be designated as a session of the annual conference for the purpose of discussion and for the transaction of Association business. The presentation of awards and other features customarily a part of A.L.A. conferences will appear on the programs of the various regionals.

Important action affecting regional meetings was taken by the Executive Board at the A.L.A. Midwinter Conference in January. The Board reaffirmed a policy formulated in 1939 which the Association expects hotels to observe where conferences are held. The resolution adopted at that time states in effect that any member of the A.L.A. shall be admitted without discrimination to meeting rooms over which A.L.A. has control. All rooms where A.L.A. functions are to be held, and access to these rooms as well, must be available to everyone attending a conference. This policy will apply to all regional conferences.

The Midwest region, of which Indiana is a part, will hold its conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 9 to 12, as announced in the December *Library Oc-*

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS RECRUITING PLAN

In recognition of the problem of recruiting qualified librarians, the Library of Congress has inaugurated a special recruitment program for its staff. Sixteen persons who expect to complete a course in library science this summer have been selected from recommendations submitted by deans and directors of 35 library schools. Most of this group will report for employment at the Library of Congress September 1, according to an announcement in the Library of Congress *Information Bulletin*. A fairly broad orientation program has been planned for these recruits, consisting of observation tours, reading assignments, talks with staff members, round table discussions, etc., covering the Library's varied services and activities and its history, organization, policies, and objectives.

current. Ralph A. Ulveling, librarian, Detroit Public Library, is chairman of the Midwest Planning Committee. Assisting him are Ruth W. Gregory, librarian, Waukegan, Illinois, Public Library and Harold F. Brigham, director, Indiana State Library.

Dates and places for other regional conferences are:

Far West	Aug. 22-25	Vancouver, B.C.
Trans-Mississippi	Sept. 2-5	Fort Collins, Col.
Middle Atlantic	Oct. 3-5	Atlantic City, N.J.
New England	Oct. 12-15	Swampscott, Mass.
Southeastern	Oct. 26-29	Miami Beach, Fla.
Southwestern	Nov. 20-23	Fort Worth, Tex.

BOOKMOBILE STANDARDS TO BE FORMULATED

A project to establish standards for library bookmobiles is underway under the direction of the A.L.A. Committee on Bookmobiles with subcommittees appointed in each state. Indiana's committee includes Mary Holmes, Logansport Public Library, Mrs. Susanna B. Wood, New Castle Public Library, and Lena B. Nofcier, Indiana State Library, chairman.

A checklist of possible standard specifications has been prepared by the Indiana committee and submitted for comment to Indiana librarians who use bookmobiles, who contemplate their purchase, or who are interested in this type of service. These specifications cover such features as heat, light, shelving, ventilation, storage space, placement of doors, and color. Indiana's recommendations, based upon replies to the checklist, have been forwarded to Mildred Sandoe, state library organizer, Ohio State Library, who is chairman of the midwest regional committee.

Reports from the various states are expected to be discussed at the A.L.A. regional conferences. Standards finally agreed upon will be compiled and published as a guide for both librarians and manufacturers.

LIBRARIES CONVERT

Several additional Indiana Libraries have converted to the Library Law of 1947 since the list of those operating under the law was published in the March *Library Occurrent*.

The newly-converted libraries are: East Chicago, Hartford City, La Grange, Middletown, New Castle, Noblesville, Plainfield, Winamac and LaPorte. This brings the total to 52 as of May 1.

SOME RECRUITING MATERIALS

American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

Books and People; A Career in Library Service.

Passing the Book (Reprint from *Mademoiselle*, September, 1943).

10,000 Careers with a Challenge.

Atlanta University, School of Library Service, Atlanta, Georgia.

Librarianship is Full of Fresh Variety.

Libraries, Librarians, and the Negro.

Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Avenue, Detroit 2, Michigan.

An Invitation to Earning.

Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Maryland.

The Pratt Library in Action.

Illinois Library Recruitment Council, Illinois Library Association, Waukegan, Illinois.

People Are Our Business; Library Jobs in Action.

Illinois University Library School, Urbana, Illinois.

Career Opportunities in School Librarianship.

Indiana School Librarians Association, Dept. of Public Instruction, Indianapolis.

A Date with Your Future.

Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute, Indiana.

School Librarianship—A Career.

Indiana University, Library Science Div. of School of Education, Bloomington.

Professional Training for Library Service.

Ladies Home Journal: High School Career Series No. 8.

Library Science, by Maureen Daly.

Louisiana State University, Library School, Baton Rouge 3, Louisiana.

Be a Librarian.

L. L. A. Bulletin, December, 1948 (entire issue)

Special Libraries Association, 31 East Tenth Street, New York 3, New York.

Something Special.

Special Librarianship as a Career.

S.L.A. What it is, What it Does and How.

Take a New Look at Libraries (Reprint from *Seventeen*).

This Might Be You.

The Challenge of Special Librarianship.

STATE-LOCAL HISTORY BULLETINS USEFUL

Public librarians may not be aware that a national historical organization is publishing a series of pamphlets of great use in reference work. It is the American Association for State and Local History, which any library may join for five dollars a year and receive free of charge not only the occasional *Bulletins* but also the bi-monthly *State and Local History News*.

Back numbers of the *Bulletins* may be purchased for thirty-five cents each. They cover activities and subjects on which little other material is available; that was the reason for their publication, of course. Whether there is a historical society in your community or not, some of these *Bulletins* may be helpful to schools and women's clubs.

Here are their titles:

1. *What Should Our Historical Society Do?* by Edward P. Alexander.
2. *Local History and Winning the War*, by S. K. Stevens.
3. *Using Volunteers in the Local Historical Society's Program*, by Loring McMillen.
4. *The Local History Museum and the War Program*, by Arthur C. Parker.
5. *A Publicity Program for the Local Historical Society*, by J. Martin Stroup.
6. *The Production of Local History Plays and Pageants*, by Samuel Sheldon.
7. *Broadcasting History*, by Evelyn Plummer Read.
8. *War Records Projects in the States*, by Lester J. Cappon.
9. *How to Organize a Local Historical Society*, by Bertha L. Heilbron. (Out of print)

I.L.A. CONFERENCE PLANS UNDERWAY

Plans are beginning to take shape for the annual I.L.A.-I.L.T.A. Conference which will be held October 20-22 in Indianapolis. Dr. Robert Miller, I.L.A. president, announces the appointment of Hazel B. Warren, State Library, as chairman of local arrangements. Harold J. Sander, Business Library, Indianapolis Public Library, will again be in charge of exhibits.

Among important business matters which will be transacted at the conference is the consideration of three constitutional changes. Amendments will be proposed regarding (1) extension of the Loan Fund Committee's function to include the administration of scholarship grants, (2) representation of all types of libraries on the Executive Board, (3) a change in the time at which the treasurer will take office. Further information regarding these changes will be sent to all members in the near future and will be published in the September *Library Occurrent*.

10. *Church Archives and History*, by H. O. Brayer.
11. *Writing Your Community's War History*, by Marvin W. Schlegel.
12. *The Junior Historical Movement*, by H. Bailey Carroll.
- II. 1. *War Records Projects 1943-1947*, by J. H. Rodabaugh.

For any of these *Bulletins* or for membership in the Association, you may address Earle W. Newton, secretary, State House, Montpelier, Vt.

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INTERIM I.L.A. OFFICER

The I.L.A. Executive Board has appointed Margaret Turk, librarian, Wiley High School, Terre Haute, as interim vice-president to fill the vacancy created by Margaret Hager's resignation. Dr. Robert Miller, the president, announces. Miss Turk will serve until the officers for next year are elected at the fall conference. At that time it will be necessary to select both a president and a president-elect, inasmuch as the vice-president customarily succeeds to the presidency. Miss Hager resigned when she left Indiana this spring to become librarian of the Joplin, Missouri, Public Library.

NEW LIBRARY TOOL

Reaching Readers, a 1949 publication of the University of California Press, edited by Carleton B. Joeckel (\$2.75), will be of interest to public librarians. It is a compilation of papers presented at a Library Institute held in 1947 under the auspices of the University of California School of Librarianship and the A.L.A. Library Extension Division. Various types of services employed in large public libraries, such as hospital service, rural and metropolitan branch libraries, and book-mobile service are discussed.

STATE LIBRARY BOARD

Announcement has recently been made of the reappointment of two members of the Indiana State Library and Historical Board. John P. Goodwin of Brookville and Dr. Louis A. Warren of Fort Wayne have been reappointed for four year terms by Governor Henry F. Schricker. Other members of the Board are Mrs. George W. Blair, Mishawaka, Mrs. George K. Bridwell, Bloomington, and Rabbi Morris M. Feuerlicht, Indianapolis.

SEALOCK BIBLIOGRAPHY

A Bibliography of Place Name Literature compiled by Richard B. Sealock, librarian of the Gary Public Library, is among the recent American Library Association publications. Pauline A. Seely, Los Angeles County Public Library, Los Angeles, California, is co-author with Mr. Sealock.

The book is intended as a reference tool to assist in the location of articles and books dealing with the origins, meanings, spellings, pronunciations of place names, nicknames, mountains and rivers in U.S., Canada, Alaska and Newfoundland. It records by state and province the available published material as well as some in manuscript form. A detailed index adds to its usefulness.

FILM PAMPHLETS

A practical series of "how to do it" pamphlets on the use of films has been published by the Film Council of America. Subjects cover community film forums and workshops, evaluation of films, film information centers, sources for films, and ways to conduct a survey of community film needs and resources. Libraries building film collections or providing advisory service about films to community groups will find the series helpful. They may be obtained from the Film Council of America, 6 West Ontario Street, Chicago 10, Illinois. The price of the series is \$1.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Columbia University announces its 1949 summer session in the School of Library Science will be held July 5 to August 12. Registration will be June 30 to July 2.

INDIANA LIBRARY NEWS NOTES

Prepared by Extension Division, State Library

Lucille Snow resigned her position as head of the CRAWFORDSVILLE Public Library effective March 30. Mrs. Mildred Bowlus is acting librarian until Miss Snow's successor is chosen.

After an absence of six months Anna Phillips has returned to her post as librarian of the GAS CITY-MILL TOWNSHIP Public Library. Mrs. Lillian Vance, assistant, was acting librarian during the half-year period of Miss Phillip's absence.

The INDIANAPOLIS Public Library reports the appointment on March 14 of Mrs. Ernestine B. Rose, as substitute senior librarian, professional grade II. Mrs. Rose has been assigned to the hospital service division.

The new children's librarian at KENDALLVILLE'S Public Library is Mrs. Fred Whitford. She succeeds Mrs. Elizabeth Thrapp who had followed Mrs. Lora Meyers, well-loved head of the juvenile department for many years.

Indiana librarians join with LaPorte in welcoming Lucille H. Simpson, successor to Margaret Hager as head librarian in the LaPorte library. Miss Simpson, a native of South Dakota, comes from Billings, Montana where she has been assistant librarian in the Parmly-Billings Library.

From MISHAWAKA comes the announcement of the appointment of Betty A. Scherzinger as children's librarian. Miss Scherzinger, following her completion of the Indiana University library training course, was employed in the South Bend library before joining the Mishawaka staff.

Mrs. Jo Irvin has taken over the duties

of librarian at the OTTERBEIN library. She succeeds Addie Kretschman.

GARY Public Library, Richard B. Sealock, librarian, was host in April to Beatrice Prall, librarian, and Margaret Bray, head cataloger, from Saginaw, Michigan. The Michigan librarians were referred to Gary for a study of its library services by a survey group from the University of Chicago because of similarities of population and industrialization between the two cities. The visiting librarians were particularly interested in the simplified cataloging system which originated in Gary, in the photographic charging machine developed by Ralph Shaw, former Gary librarian, and in the "trailer-mobile" service, another "first" of the Gary library.

The ELWOOD library celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with an open house on May 3rd.

On April 23, PENDLETON Public Library held open house in honor of its establishment forty years ago. Visiting patrons viewed the newly redecorated assembly room with satisfaction.

Moving day came for three Indiana libraries this spring. BERNE Public Library moved on April 23 to its new location on South Jefferson street. Redecoration of the new quarters included asphalt tile flooring, a green sand finish for walls, and celotex tile blocks for the ceiling. Venetian blinds were to be installed later according to Eva Sprunger, librarian.

The Osceola branch of the MISHAWAKA library, closed since September, moved into newly decorated quarters at 114 Lincoln Way West in mid-February. The Lions

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Club paid for the decorating and local citizens donated their services in installing new light fixtures and an oil heater. **Mrs. Ward R. Curtis** is librarian at the branch.

Aided by junior high school pupils of School 80, the staff of the Broad Ripple branch of the INDIANAPOLIS Public Library moved into its new modern building on Thursday, March 24. By Monday, March 28, the library was officially open for service. The one-story structure is the first completely new branch library to be built in Indianapolis since 1914, when the Carnegie Foundation gave \$120,000 for the construction of six libraries. The carefully planned building features recessed lighting, acoustic ceilings, and windows extending from ceiling to floor. **Jessie Logan** is branch librarian.

Newspaper clippings tell of a number of libraries which have been redecorated. BEDFORD Public Library made extensive repairs and repainted interior walls. The ANGOLA library refurbished its appearance with a new paint job in reading room, office and stacks.

ELKHART Public Library followed up its redecoration program by inaugurating a series of monthly exhibits of paintings of local artists. The green and white color scheme used in the library proved to be a refreshing background for the paintings exhibited. Redecoration of walls and the hanging of new window blinds have greatly enhanced the attractiveness of the WAVELAND Public Library. Extensive repairs on roof and heating plant were also made.

MISHAWAKA installed a new lighting system using cold cathode tubes. The lighting now exceeds A.L.A. standards of 25 foot

candles at table top level in reading rooms, and from 36 low to 43 high foot candle lighting on the first floor.

Mrs. Ethel Richardson of MONON reports that her library board called in the services of a professional decorator for its redecorating program. Careful planning of color harmonies resulted in the achievement of seeming spaciousness, inviting warmth, and charming color variety. GARY Public Library underwent a remodelling operation in March when the business offices were rearranged to afford more space for circulation activities. Redecorating and the installation of new lighting are still in process or in the planning stage.

Step by step librarians are pushing back the front of rural areas receiving no library service. Through the Putnam County library service operated from the GREENCASTLE Public Library, citizens of CLOVERDALE may now obtain books from the new station set up in Curries drug store. Two new adult and one school station have been established in Marion Township by the SPENCER Public Library.

Teen-age borrowers continue to come in to their own. Special collections for this group have been set up for the first time in the Wells Memorial Library at LAFAYETTE. News clippings from ALBION, MIDDLETOWN and PORTLAND also report new teenage service in the public library. Interest evidenced at district meetings would indicate that many other libraries have set up or are planning this special service for young moderns.

Early in 1949 a children's radio hour was inaugurated by the FRANKFORT Public Library. The program has been aired daily

from 4:45 to 5:00 over station WFAM-FM in Frankfort and Lafayette with Julia Wallace of the Frankfort staff conducting.

Book service to "shut-ins" is reported by Mary Jo Trolinger of the VINCENNES library. Miss Trolinger also writes enthusiastically of the Projected Books service inaugurated there through cooperation with local Lions Club.

A weekly pre-school story hour for four and five year olds is a recent innovation of the SOUTH BEND library. The story and play period is conducted under the direction of Margaret Le Couteur assisted by Katherine Croxall and Mrs. Roland Fitch.

Mrs. Cecile S. Parrett, librarian at NEWPORT, enlisted the services of Betty Simpson, homemaking teacher, who prepared packets of pamphlet materials on nutrition, food preservation, and miscellaneous food bulletins for loan from the VERMILION COUNTY library.

Mary Holmes of the LOGANSPOUT Public Library introduced a vacation reading contest in county schools as early as April 11 this year. Children were permitted to read four books before the school term ended the first of May. At that time the books were transferred to stations in towns throughout the county and carried on the bookmobile.

NECROLOGY

Mrs. Ann McTaggart East, assistant in the Morrisson-Reeves Library at Richmond died on February 20. Her death was the result of an automobile accident.

Z. M. Smith, trustee, Greenfield Public Library and for many years an active member of I.L.T.A., died on January 31.

FOLKLORE MEETING AT BALL STATE

Ball State Teachers College announces that a national conference on American Folklore for Children will be held on the campus at Muncie, June 29-July 1.

This meeting will launch a movement to stimulate the use of our own American folklore in the public schools rather than the traditional European legendry. Children's book publishers, editors, authors, and reviewers have been invited, as well as children's librarians and teachers of children's literature. There will be a book exhibit, a listening room stocked with commercial records and folklore recordings of the Library of Congress, and a projection room for film showings.

The first bibliography on books on American folklore for children is being prepared for distribution at the meeting under the supervision of Evelyn Sickles, supervisor of work with children, Indianapolis Public Library. Dr. Elizabeth Pilant, of the English Department faculty at Ball State, is chairman of the conference.

The Hoosier Folklore Society will meet July 1 in conjunction with the Folklore Conference. Nellie M. Coats, head, Catalog Department, Indiana State Library, is president of the Folklore Society.

I.S.L.A. DUES

Mrs. Mary Isabelle Wood, treasurer of the Indiana School Librarians Association, reminds school librarians that the Association's dues are payable now for 1949-50. She asks that the one dollar dues be sent to her at Tudor Hall School, 3171 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis 8, Indiana.

CURRENT ADDITIONS FOR INDIANA COLLECTION

Some Books and Pamphlets about Indiana or by Hoosier Authors,
Compiled by HAZEL W. HOPPER, Indiana Division, State Library

BANTA, RICHARD E., compiler. *Indiana Authors and Their Books, 1816-1916*. 1949. 352p. Wabash College. Free to Indiana libraries.

This survey of Indiana authors and their books contains biographical sketches of Indiana authors who published books during the first century of Indiana's statehood. It includes 956 individual authors with lists of their books. This is a welcomed publication and a valuable reference tool. All Indiana librarians should take advantage of the generous offer of the publication committee to send a copy free to each public and school library upon request.

BROWN, FREDERIC. *Dead Ringer*. 1948. 224p. Dutton, \$2.50.

Ed Hunter and his uncle Ambrose solve the murders of a midget, a monkey and a little child in a carnival camp. The plot of the story takes place in Indiana.

EHRMANN, MAX. *Poems of Max Ehrmann*. Edited by Bertha K. Ehrmann. 1948. 183p. Bruce Humphries, \$3.00.

Max Ehrmann, scholar, poet and playwright was born in Terre Haute and was educated at DePauw and Harvard universities. Mr. Ehrmann died in 1945 and this volume of his poems was edited by his widow.

ELIAS, ROBERT HENRY. *Theodore Dreiser, Apostle of Nature*. 1949. 354p. Knopf, \$4.00.

Mr. Elias has written a full length biography of Theodore Dreiser based on a study of the Dreiser papers at the University of Pennsylvania and on personal interviews with Mr. Dreiser and many of his surviving friends. Dreiser was born in Terre Haute and attended Indiana University.

GILBRETH, FRANK B. and CAREY, ERNESTINE M. *Cheaper by the Dozen*. Illus. by Donald McKay. 1948. 237p. Crowell, \$3.00.

Frank B. Gilbreth and his wife Lillian M. were industrial engineers and Mr. Gilbreth was the inventor of time and motion study in industry. *Cheaper by the Dozen* is the story of the home life of the Gilbreths and their family of twelve children, and the problems which arose in the household of an efficiency expert. The book, which is at times hilarious and occasionally touching, was written by two of the Gilbreth's twelve children. Dr. Lillian M. Gilbreth was for a time professor of management at Purdue University.

HERSHBERGER, LEANDER LEONARD. *Highways to Good Cheer*. 1949. 76p. E. V. Publishing House, Nappanee, Indiana, \$1.25.

Here is a group of short poems selected from Mr. Hershberger's writings for this little volume. The author's home is Nappanee.

JUDSON, CLARA INGRAM. *Reaper Man, the Story of Cyrus Hall McCormick*. Illus. by Paul Brown. 1948. 156p. Houghton, \$2.50.

The success of Cyrus Hall McCormick, famous inventor and manufacturer of farm machinery, is now continued in the work of the International Harvester Company. Mrs. Judson, who is a native of Logansport, has written a very interesting biography of Mr. McCormick which will attract older readers as well as boys and girls.

JUDSON, CLARA INGRAM. *Summer Time*. Illus. by Polly Jackson. 1948. Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee, \$1.00.

Here is a little book of stories, jingles and pictures for little children about the things they like to do in the summer.

KETCHAM, BRYAN E. *Covered Bridges on the Byways of Indiana*. 1949. 216p. Author, Lockland, Ohio, \$8.50.

Age and weather have caused the disappearance of many of the historic covered bridges which

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dotted Indiana during the middle part of the nineteenth century. The advent of the automobile with need for wider and more durable roads and bridges has caused the abandonment of many more. In this publication the author gives us photographs with a brief history and description of the covered bridges still standing in Indiana.

KIMBROUGH, EMILY. *It Gives Me Great Pleasure*. Illus. by Helen Hokinson.

1948. 227p. Dodd, \$2.50.

Emily Kimbrough has written a hilarious story of the trials and tribulations which confronted her during her three seasons of lecture tours. Some of the chapters originally appeared in a somewhat different form as stories in *The New Yorker*. The author was born in Muncie and several years ago wrote of her happy childhood there in *How Dear to My Heart*.

TAYLOR, DANIEL, pseud. *They Move with the Sun*. 1948. 278p. Farrar Straus, \$2.75.

This is the first novel of a New York physician, and he has chosen for the setting a fast growing industrial town in Indiana. It is the story of the youth and manhood of an American Jew, an idealistic youth, lonely and gifted, growing up in an unfriendly environment, and the forces which drove him to become a physician and a psychiatrist in order to learn why people love and hate the way they do. Some readers may object to the frank discussion of sex.

VAN RIPER, GUERNSEY, JR. *Lou Gehrig: Boy of the Sand Lots*. Illus. by Paul

Luane. (Childhood of Famous Americans Series) 1949. 194p. Bobbs, \$1.75.

The biography of Lou Gehrig, famous Yankee first baseman, is the first sports subject in the

Childhood of Famous Americans series. The author is an editor for Bobbs Merrill.

WADELTON, MAGGIE-OWEN. *Gay, Wild and Free*. 1949. 312p. Bobbs, \$3.00.

During the twenty-eight years of Maggie Owen Wadeldon's life as an army wife, the family moved thirty-one times. Mrs. Wadeldon, who several years ago was the subject of a book by her son Tommy, *My Mother is a Violent Woman*, is a good story teller and her story of the difficulties and problems which confronted an army wife is filled with much humor intermingled with sentiment. Mrs. Wadeldon lives in Indianapolis.

WILLIAMS, GAAR. *How to Keep From Growing Old*. Foreword by Franklin P. Adams. 1948. Rand McNally, \$2.00.

Here is a companion volume to *Among the Folks in History* published several years ago. Both books are collections of cartoons by Gaar Williams which had originally appeared in the Chicago Tribune. The artist had a keen insight into human nature which he shows in his portrayals of "the endless complications of everyday life." Gaar Williams was reared in Wayne county and spent many years in Indianapolis before going to Chicago.

WOODS, MARJORIE BINFORD. *Your Wedding: How to Plan and Enjoy It*. New and revised edition. Illus. by Jean Baker. 1949. 260p. Bobbs, \$2.50.

A new edition of the popular book on planning a wedding. The author has expanded the original text which appeared in 1942 to include sections on "prenuptial entertainments, gifts, dress charts for all types of weddings, artistic color schemes, and flower arrangements planned according to seasons." The author was born in Greenfield and educated at DePauw.

MANUAL FOR SALE

The Indiana Library Trustees Association is offering its handbook, *Indiana Library Trustee's Own Manual*, for sale out of Indiana at 25 cents a copy, \$1 for five, and \$1.50 for ten copies, or multiples thereof, postpaid. Address orders to Mrs. Albert H. Moeller, treasurer, Indiana Library Trustees Association, Columbia City, Indiana.

INDIANA DOCUMENTS AT THE STATE LIBRARY

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Compiled by VERA GREY ANDERSON, Catalog Division, State Library

Items starred (*) are distributed by the State Library. Items not starred are often available at the office of issue. Offices are located in Indianapolis unless otherwise indicated. Dagger (†) indicates non-current publications.

ACCOUNTS, STATE BOARD OF.

County auditors' bulletin, nos.52,53, March 1, April 1, 1949. 2 nos. Processed.
The Examiner, v.8, nos.1-4, January-April, 1949. 4 nos. Processed.
Township trustees bulletin, nos.33,34, March 1, April 1, 1949. 2 nos. Processed.

AERONAUTICS COMMISSION.

Indiana aero-notes, v.2, nos.4-6, February-April, 1949. 3 nos. Processed.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Official opinions, nos.5-17, February 4-April 7, 1949. 13 nos. Processed.

CONSERVATION, DEPT. OF.

Outdoor Indiana, v.16, nos.2-4, February-April, 1949. 3 nos.
Release, January 20, 27, February 3, 1949. 3 nos. Processed.

Fish and Game, Division of. Indiana Pittman-Robertson wildlife research report, v.9, no.4, January, 1949. p.167-210. Processed.

Geology, Division of, Bloomington. Bulletin, no.1, June, 1948. Endellite deposits in Gardner Mine Ridge, Lawrence County, Indiana, by Eugene Callaghan. 47p.

..... Bulletin, no.2, June, 1948. Physiography of the lower Wabash valley, by M. M. Fidler. 112p.

..... Bulletin, no.3, April, 1948. Correlation of the Waldron and Mississinewa formations, by R. E. Esarey and D. F. Bieberman. 36[2]p.

..... Report of progress, no.2, January, 1949. Stratigraphy of three wells in Sullivan and Vigo counties, Indiana, by D. F. Bieberman. 10p.

Oil and Gas Division. Oil and gas drilling report, January-March, 1949. 3 nos. Processed.
State Parks, Lands and Waters, Division of.

Memorial publication, no.2 [1948] The Corydon Capitol. folder(4p.)

..... Memorial publication, no.3 [1948] The J. F. D. Lanier State Memorial, Madison, Indiana. folder(4p.)

..... Memorial publication, no.4 [1948] The Gene Stratton Porter State Memorial, home of Gene Stratton Porter, Rome City; The Limberlost State Memorial, home of Gene Stratton Porter, Geneva. folder(4p.)

..... Memorial publication, no.5 [1948] George Rogers Clark State Memorial. folder(4p.)

..... Memorial publication, no.6, 1948. Nancy Hanks Lincoln State Memorial, Lincoln City, Indiana. folder(6p.)

..... Parks publication, no.6 [1948] Muscatatuck State Park. folder(4p.)

..... Parks publication, no.7 [1948] Versailles State Park. folder(4p.)

..... Parks publication, no.8 [1948] Tippecanoe River State Park. folder(4p.)

..... Parks publication, no.9 [1949] Pokagon State Park. folder(6p.)

..... Parks publication, no.10 [1949] McCormick's Creek State Park. folder(6p.)

Water Resources, Division of. Bulletin no.4, 1949. Ground-water resources of Boone County, Indiana. 152p. Processed.

ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

News bulletin, nos.49-51, January-March, 1949. 3 nos. Processed.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION.

Cooperative report of Indiana employment and payroll trends [in cooperation with U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics] v.1, no.6, December, 1948; v.2, nos.1,2, January, February, 1949. 3 nos. Processed.

13th annual report of the Indiana Employment Security Board for the year ending December 31, 1948. 90p.

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ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS, STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL.

*27th annual report, 1947/48. Copy of registration law, Rules and regulations of the Board, Roster of registered professional engineers and land surveyors, 1948/49. 144p.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, DEPT. OF.

*Annual report, 1947/48. 102p.

FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION.

Chart, no.3, October 1, 1948. Chart of procedure. Drainage laws of Indiana, showing establishment and maintenance of legal drains. 34 x 21 in.

.....no.4, January 1, 1948. Gaging records for Indiana. 19 x 10 in.

.....no.5, October 1, 1948. Precipitation records for Indiana. 20 x 11 in.

.....no.6, April 1, 1948. Talbot formula for required bridge opening. 8½ x 11 in.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

House. 86th General Assembly of Indiana, House, standing rules and order for the government of the same. Regular revised 1949. 86p.

Senate. 86th General Assembly of Indiana, Senate, standing rules and orders for the government of the same. Regular revised 1949. 74p.

GOVERNOR (Gates, Ralph Fesler, 1945-1949)

Message to the Indiana General Assembly, 1949 session, Thursday, January 6, 1949. 32p.

HEALTH, STATE BOARD OF.

Monthly bulletin, v.52, nos.1-3, January-March, 1949. 3 nos.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

Detour bulletin, January 21, 28, 1949. 2 nos. Processed.

HISTORICAL BUREAU.

Indiana history bulletin, v.26, nos.1-3, January-March, 1949. 3 nos.

INDIANA BOYS' SCHOOL, Plainfield.

Charlton hi lights, v.3, no.8, February 10,

1949; v.4, nos.[1]2, March, April, 1949. 3 nos. Processed.

Indiana Boys' School herald, v.49, nos.3-4,5, March 15, April 15, 1949. 2 nos.

INDIANA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Hoosier horticulture, v.30, no.11, December, 1948; v.31, nos.1-4, January-April, 1949. 5 nos. Ben B. Sproat, Lafayette, Ind., Editor.

INDIANA REFORMATORY, Pendleton.

*†Annual report, 1944/45. 84p.

*†..... 1945/46. 78p.

*..... 1946/47. 76p.

INDIANA SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CHILDREN'S HOME, Knightstown.

The Home journal, v.61, nos.3-7, February 10-April 14, 1949. 5 nos.

INDIANA STATE FAIR.

Classification for Indiana boys and girls 4-H club work. 1946. 74p.

..... 1947. 75p.

..... 1948. 93p.

Classification of the Agricultural Department, Indiana State Fair. 1946. 32p.

..... 1947. 36p.

..... 1948. 35p.

Fine Arts and Women's Department classification. 1948. 23p.

Grand Circuit Races. Entry list of stake and futurity entries. September 3-10, 1948. 48p.

Official catalogue of the Indiana State Fair, Draft Horse Department. 1947. 36p.

Official souvenir program, 1948. 64p.

INDIANA STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

The Hoosier, v.61, nos.4-6, January-March, 1949. 3 nos.

INTERSTATE COOPERATION, COMMISSION ON.

Biennial report, 1947-1948. 29p.

MADISON STATE HOSPITAL, North Madison.

*38th annual report, 1946/47. 59p.

POLICE, STATE.

The Shield, v.1, nos.1,2, Winter, Spring, 1949. 2 nos.

Symbol of security. Indiana State Police. [1948] [55p.]

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PROBATION DIVISION.

List of candidates who were successful in the examination held December 2, 1948 . . . for appointment as probation officers. [1948] [1p.] Processed.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND.

3d annual report, 1947/48. 16p.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, DEPT. OF.

Abundant foods notice, January-May, 1949. 5 nos. Processed.

Bulletin, no.205, 1948. State school relief in Indiana. Legal provisions and regulations of the State Board of Education. 23p.

..... no.210, 1949. Digest of courses of study for secondary schools of Indiana. 285p.

Indiana educational activities, v.1, nos.5-7, February 15-April 15, 1949. 3 nos. Processed. Research bulletin, no. 18, 1948. The ability, achievement, and plans after graduation of a sampling of Indiana high school seniors. 15p. Processed.

School lunch news letter, jointly issued by State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Indiana Department of Public Welfare, and Food Distribution Programs Branch, Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture (v.1 as Call for lunch), v.3, nos.4-7, January-April, 1949. 4 nos. Processed.

PUBLIC PRINTING, BOARD OF.

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ISLA CONFERENCE STIMULATING

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Fannie Schmitt, school libraries consultant, Alabama State Department of Education, and Marguerite Henry, Newbery prize winning author, were featured guest speakers at the third annual Indiana School Librarians Association Conference April 8 and 9 in Terre Haute.

Fannie Schmitt Speaks Friday

Margaret Turk, librarian, Wiley High School, Terre Haute and I.S.L.A. president, presided at the opening session Friday afternoon when Miss Schmitt spoke on "Expanding Horizons in Library Service." The library should be a unifying agency in the school and the librarian should take an active part in all school projects, Miss Schmitt asserted. She recommended teacher training as a valuable asset to the school librarian and stressed also the importance of in-service training. State organizations such as I.S.L.A., she feels, are essential in the development of local leadership. Recruiting for librarians must be a continuing endeavor if school libraries are to meet the challenge of the expanding educational program.

Marguerite Henry's talk at the luncheon on Saturday was a highlight of the conference. Mrs. Henry, whose book, *King of the*

Wind, won the Newbery award for the outstanding contribution to children's literature in 1948, told of "The Book I Didn't Write." She explained her method of gathering material and the processes used in writing *Misty of Chincoteague*. Mrs. Henry spoke so convincingly of the characters who live in the pages of *Misty* that one had the feeling they were real, as indeed they are.

Marguerite Henry Tells Experiences

Mrs. Henry confessed she started out to write a big, comprehensive book about horses and everything was working out well until she came to the Morgan horse which could not be classified. The book she didn't write is this comprehensive one; instead she wrote three novels about horses.

Mildred Batchelder, chief, A.L.A. School and Children's Library Office, spoke briefly Friday afternoon. She summarized the A.L.A. Fourth Activities Committee's recommendations as they affect school librarians. Lucille Viehe, librarian, Indiana State Teachers College laboratory school, closed that session with the showing of the film strip, "Use Your Library." Comments from the audience were invited and suggestions for the film's use were made.

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Dr. Charles Roll, associate professor of history at Indiana State Teachers College, addressed the conference at a banquet Friday evening. In discussing his many interesting "Library Experiences in Research", he described his extensive use of research libraries. He traced the development of libraries in the United States and indicated some of their similarities and differences.

Leonard Smith, librarian, Jefferson High School, Lafayette, acted as toastmaster. Dr. J. E. Grinnell, president of the college, paid tribute to the libraries that had played a part in his career and hailed librarians as "the best missionaries in the world."

Group Meetings Saturday

Two group meetings were held Saturday morning. Librarians attended a symposium on school library service with Esther V. Burrin, director, School Library Service, State Department of Public Instruction, as the coordinator, while library student assistants heard panel discussions on "Why I Like My Job."

Symposium Speaker

Dr. Margaret Lindsey, coordinator of professional education at Indiana State Teachers College, the first speaker on the symposium program, discussed "The School Library and the Curriculum." Any sound educational program today has a curriculum that emerges from the society in which we live, and one which is in the process of constant change. The school library is one of the most significant aspects of such an environment for learning. "The library must be accessible; it must be invitational; and have a permis-

sive atmosphere", Dr. Lindsey stated. "It is a resource, not an entity in itself."

Helen Ederle, assistant professor of education at the college, discussed guidance through the school library. "Guidance problems are being evolved in more communities all the time. Librarians are the pivotal point in the program, and the library should become the work center," stated Miss Ederle. She then gave a five-fold concept of guidance in the fields of health, education, vocations, recreation, and social and civic guidance. The librarian should keep up to date with occupational trends and make new materials available through the library.

Elementary School Library Important

The third symposium speaker was Dr. Jacob Cobb, also of the educational faculty at Indiana State Teachers College, whose topic was "Building Library Experiences Through the Elementary School." "The library is the most important room in any elementary school. It should be the focal point in the total elementary program, because, first, the teacher knows the contribution she can make to the library, and the contribution the library can make to her program. Second, the teacher is herself familiar with the materials in the library and knows how to use them. Third, the librarian is an integral part of the school staff. Fourth, the school library should be so arranged and so located as to provide correct and lasting experiences."

Service Evaluated

The last speaker was Herbert Lamb, assistant state superintendent of Public Instruction, speaking on "Evaluating school library

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service." "We need to evaluate in order to progress", he said, "and the elementary school has been sadly neglected." Mr. Lamb named the sources to which librarians could turn for help in evaluating library service, and asked that they make their evaluations in terms of student, faculty and administrative needs.

Student Recruiting Meeting

Eighty-four student assistants from school libraries over the state attended the recruiting meeting held simultaneously with the library service symposium. Representatives of public, college, school, and special libraries spoke briefly on the attractions and merits of their respective fields. Speakers were Mrs. Harriet E. Bard, Richmond Public Library; John H. Moriarty, Purdue University; Pearl Day, Oliver Elementary Junior High School, South Bend; and Mrs. Martha Schaaf, Eli Lilly Laboratories Library. Margaret Griffin, librarian, Mishawaka High School, presided.

Student Assistants Organize

Saturday afternoon Miss Griffin and Mary Louise Mann, librarian, Arsenal Technical High School, Indianapolis, met with the student librarians to consider the possibility of organizing a state student assistants association. After a general discussion of the purposes of such an association, the group divided into five sections. Each section chose two representatives to serve on a planning committee which will blueprint a permanent organization. It is anticipated that the organization will be formed by fall and that a meeting may be held in October.

The following officers for 1949-50 were elected at the business session Saturday

morning: president, Edith Chalfant, Hartford City; vice-president, Margaret Griffin, Mishawaka; secretary, Georgia Moore, Martinsville; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Isabelle Wood, Tudor Hall, Indianapolis.

Particular acknowledgment should be made of the attractive table decorations at the dinner and the luncheon which were prepared by Helen Carney, Rankin Junior High School, Terre Haute. The Easter motif was carried out at the dinner with bunnies carrying parasols and wearing Easter bonnets, while spring flowers and angels holding forsythia blossoms graced the luncheon tables.

Madge Townsley, Wilson Junior High School, Terre Haute, who was in charge of publicity, deserves a special word of thanks for the excellent newspaper coverage of the conference she secured and also for the radio publicity which she was instrumental in obtaining.

RECRUITING LEAFLET

The Indiana School Librarians Association announces the publication of a recruiting leaflet entitled "A Date With Your Future." The leaflet emphasizes opportunities, advantages, educational requirements, and estimated salaries in the school library field in an informal manner and is attractively decorated with line drawings. Copies are available in quantities at two cents each from Esther V. Burrin, director of School Library Service, State Department of Public Instruction, Indianapolis 4, Indiana. Single copies may be obtained from Miss Burrin's office free of charge.

STATUS OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

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Indiana University has recently published a research study on the status of school librarians in Indiana including also the regulations and standards affecting school librarians in the state at the present time. This survey shows the extent to which secondary schools are meeting the state standards for school library personnel approximately ten years after the first of these requirements became effective.

Findings indicated that during 1947-48, 41 per cent of the schools employed no librarian at all, or as an alternative, a person presumably on the teaching staff, with no library training. Seventeen per cent of the schools employed librarians with 1 to 15 hours of library science and 42 per cent employed librarians who met the minimum requirements for certification, i.e., 16 to 24 hours. Only about 6 per cent of the schools employed librarians with accredited B. S. in L. S. degrees.

Regarding salaries it was learned that the median salary for librarians with B. L. S. or B. S. in L. S. degrees was \$3350 as compared with \$2784 for those without advanced degrees. The median annual salaries for 1947-48 showed an increase over those of 1943-44 of \$1294 for city school librarians and \$1319 for those in township schools.

School library standards specify, on the basis of school enrollment, the number of periods per day which librarians should spend in actual library service without study hall supervision or classroom teaching. It is significant that in 1947-48 only 176 of the 820 schools allowed the librarian the mini-

mum time suggested by the standards for library service. Of the schools with more than 300 pupils, where a full-time librarian is specified by the standards, 34 per cent met this criterion.

Beginning with the school year 1946-47 new certification patterns were developed for all school personnel in Indiana, including librarians. This new plan requires that librarians complete 18 semester hours of undergraduate library science, followed by a minimum of 10 semester hours of graduate courses in library science and a Master's degree at least five years after the Bachelor's degree has been completed.

There are three state schools in Indiana at the present time offering the complete undergraduate curriculum of 18 semester hours in addition to the teacher training required for the provisional license in library science. These schools are Ball State Teachers College, Indiana State Teachers College, and Indiana University. In addition, Indiana University for the past three years has been offering a curriculum leading to the M. S. in Education degree with a major in library science. This program is open to qualified persons who have completed a minimum of 10 semester hours of education courses and a minimum of 10 semester hours of library science courses as undergraduate work.

In September 1949 the University will inaugurate a new program of library training on both the graduate and undergraduate levels. The undergraduate curriculum of 18 hours of library science will be continued. A fifth year of advanced study will be offered leading to both the M.A. and M.S. degrees.

